



D.C. Congresswoman Eleanor Holmes Norton addresses the crowd at the opening of the new stations on the Green Line. At left is Congressman Steny Hoyer of Prince Georges County. At the right is D.C. Mayor Anthony Williams.



A banner on the elevator house announces the opening of the Congress Heights Station of the Green Line. St. Elizabeths Hospital is in the background at the left.

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## S.W. In Federal Memorial Plan

Private land on Buzzards Point at the end of So. Capitol St. S.W. at the Anacostia River and National Park Service land at Banneker Circle Overlook at the end of 10<sup>th</sup> St. S.W. are “Prime Candidate Sites” for new Federal memorials or museums away from the National Mall, according to a tentative plan issued by the Federal government. The plan suggests 102 locations in the District of Columbia and nearby Arlington, Va., where memorials or museums might be located—in no apparent order, except that the first 19 listed are named “Prime Sites.”

The So. Capitol St. and Anacostia River location (Site 8) could have “a major memorial or cluster of museums,” according to the plan, with “waterside access” and “spaces for small gatherings and contemplative areas.”

The four-acre 10<sup>th</sup> St. location (Site 9) “should provide amenities to draw pedestrians from L’Enfant Plaza and the surrounding federal enclave to the overlook and the waterfront beyond.”

The plan is an “effort to preserve the historic open space of Washington’s Monumental Core.” The National Mall would be “off limits to new museums and memorials.”

At a hearing on the plan at the office of the National Capital Planning Commission Southwest ANC Commissioner Richard Westbrook suggested concentrating on New Jersey Ave. S.E. as a corridor to the Anacostia waterfront rather than So. Capitol St.

SWNA Vice-president Margaret Feldman was also one of 20 witnesses testifying at the hearing. She reported that three of the sites in the plan are on the Heritage Trail being laid out in Southwest. They are the Banneker Overlook, 7<sup>th</sup> and Water Street, and Delaware and M St. S.W.

Peggy Seats explained the importance of the site for the Benjamin Banneker memorial next to L’Enfant Plaza.

Comments on the tentative plan can be submitted to the NCPC until January 31, 2001.

Copies of a 28 page “Draft Summary” or of the complete “Memorials and Museums Master Plan—Draft” with many photographs and drawings and detailed criteria used in choosing the sites are available to the public at the National Capital Planning Commission, 401 Ninth St. N.W. Suite 500. Phone 482-7700.

(See details of other S.W. sites and pictures on p. 4 and p. 5 of this issue) ■



Coralie Farlee addresses a meeting of Southwest’s Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC 2D). Shown left to right are: Ms. Farlee, Andy Litsky, Trevor John Saccente, Executive Director Gottlieb Simon, H. Anthony Mapp (back partly to camera), A. Assalaam, Richard Westbrook.

## 5 New Green Line Stations Open

The Metro Rail system reached its goal of 103 miles in January as 5 new stations opened to complete the Green Line. Trains from downtown heading for the Waterfront Station in Southwest will no longer read “Anacostia” but now read “Branch Avenue”—the new end of the Green Line.

The closest new station is Congress Heights, on Alabama Ave. S.E. next to St. Elizabeths Hospital. The second station is called Southern Ave. just over the D.C. border in Prince Georges County, MD., on Southern Ave. It is next to Valley Terrace in D.C. and is near Greater Southeast Community Hospital.

The third station is called Naylor Road, next to where Suitland Parkway crosses Branch Ave., just over the D.C. border in P.G. County. The fourth station—Suitland—is at Suitland Parkway and Silver Hill Rd., next to Suitland Federal Center where the U. S. Census Bureau and other federal offices are located.

Branch Ave. Sta., the end of the Green Line, is near the intersection of Branch Ave. and Capital Beltway (I-495, I-95). It is a short bus ride to Andrews Air Force Base. ■

## ANC Picks First & P SW Target For City Action

At the suggestion of ANC Commissioner A. Assalaam, an area around First and P St. SW should be the focus of nuisance abatement efforts by an interagency “CORE” group of city officials.

City departments, including the Department of Public Works, the Police and Fire Departments, Parks and Recreation Department and the Office of Planning had a walking tour of parts of Southwest to judge what problems might require interagency coordinated actions for solution. ■

## Visit Southwest D.C.’s Website

[www.swdc.org](http://www.swdc.org)

## Repair Your Credit— Jan. 29 SWNA Meeting

Expert advice on keeping good credit - and repairing it if it has hit a bump in the road - will be offered at the monthly public meeting of the Southwest Neighborhood Assembly, Inc. (SWNA) Monday, Jan. 29 at 7 pm at St. Matthews Lutheran Church, 3<sup>rd</sup> & M St. S.W.

George Rothman from Manna, Inc., will explain how his organization helps people prepare for home ownership. Barbara Jean Abney of University Legal Services will explain their credit counseling services at their office at 300 I St. N.E., near Union Station.

Fannie Mae has issued valuable advice on keeping good credit in their pamphlets, which will be available at the meeting. ■

## Andy Litsky New Chair of ANC

ANC 2D, the Advisory Neighborhood Commission for Near SW D.C., elected officers for 2001 at its January meeting. Andy Litsky, who was elected to the ANC by voters generally west of 4<sup>th</sup> St. South of M St., is the new chair. A. Assalaam, from the southeast area of S.W., is vice chair. Tony Mapp, a new member elected from the northeast area east of 4<sup>th</sup> St. S.W. is secretary, and Richard Westbrook of the northwest part of SW is treasurer.

Gottlieb Simon is part-time executive director hired by the ANC. Mail address for the ANC is Westminster Presbyterian Church, 400 I (Eye) St. S.W., zip 20024, where the group has its public meetings at 7 pm on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the month. Phone messages can be left at 554-1795. ■

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The main topic will be “Public Safety in Southwest,” with First District MPD Commander Kim Dine speaking. Cdr Dine will report on “results of public/PSA partnerships on crime statistics” and “action plans being developed to increase community policing.” There will be a Q & A period.

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## St. Matthews, Army, SW House Bring Santa

Several dozen Southwest youngsters were treated to presents and snacks and music at the Angel Tree Party at St. Matthew's Lutheran Church during the holidays.

Children's names—supplied by the Southwest Community House—were written on paper angels hung on Christmas trees at army offices at Ft. McNair in S.W. or Ft. Myer in Va..and picked by army personnel, who then bought individual gifts for the children.

During the party Santa Claus arrived in red suit and whiskers and distributed the gifts as each child's name was called out. ■

## Donations Cheer Children At St. Augustine's

Children in Southwest were treated to a party during the holidays with abundant gifts supplied by big name companies as well as local businesses.

Michele A. Hutt, who organized the party at the church, reports that she was surprised that every business she contacted gave generously. She has asked The Southwester to recognize them as evidence that “businesses still embrace their community and work behind the scenes to make a difference.”

The companies she cited are Domino's Pizzas, Gap Stores, Marina View Towers, Safeway, the Discovery Channel Stores and Toys R Us. ■



Sgt. Rayan Hastings, *Sg. 1<sup>st</sup> Class* Judy Arlaint, *Staff Sgt.* Tim Havrilla and *Staff Sgt.* Mike Creardon of the Old Guard Fife and Drum Corps play holiday tunes at the Angel Tree Party at St. Matthew's Lutheran Church.



Dan Felger, *President of the church council of St. Matthew's Lutheran Church* welcomed the S.W. children, parents and army volunteers at the Angel Tree Party.



David Brewer, *left, director at S.W. Community House*, hands the presents to Santa Claus, who greets each child.

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## Sites In S.W. For Future Memorials

Several sites in S.W.— besides two mentioned on page 1 - are included in federal long-range planning as possible locations for new memorials or museums away from the crowded National Mall.

Site No. 97, a small site—? to ? acre—is adjacent to Bowen Elementary School at Delaware Ave. and M St. S.W. Delaware Ave. is one of the avenues pointing directly at the Capitol Dome, although the elevated I-395 cuts off the view now. The land is owned by the District of Columbia.

A second S.W. site mentioned in the new Federal Memorials and Museums Master Plan is Site No. 89, 2.2 acres of National Park Service land South of V St. S.W. and west of Half St., presently being used by a marina. The plan says, “This site has significant potential to become a recreation and mixed use activities node related to a revitalized waterfront area.”

The Washington Channel waterfront could have a small scale memorial at Site No. 42 - 7<sup>th</sup> and Water St. S.W. where the District owns a ? acre waterfront park. The plan mentions the possibility of a water taxi stop at this location.

Several other sites have Southwest addresses near the Mall or in East Potomac Park. These include:

**Site 3** at the intersection of Independence and Maryland Avenues S.W. (between 4<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> St..)

**Site 12** On the Tidal Basin on Maine Ave. west of 14<sup>th</sup> St. S.W.

**Site 19** at the intersection of Maryland and Virginia Avenues S.W. between 7<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> St. S.W.

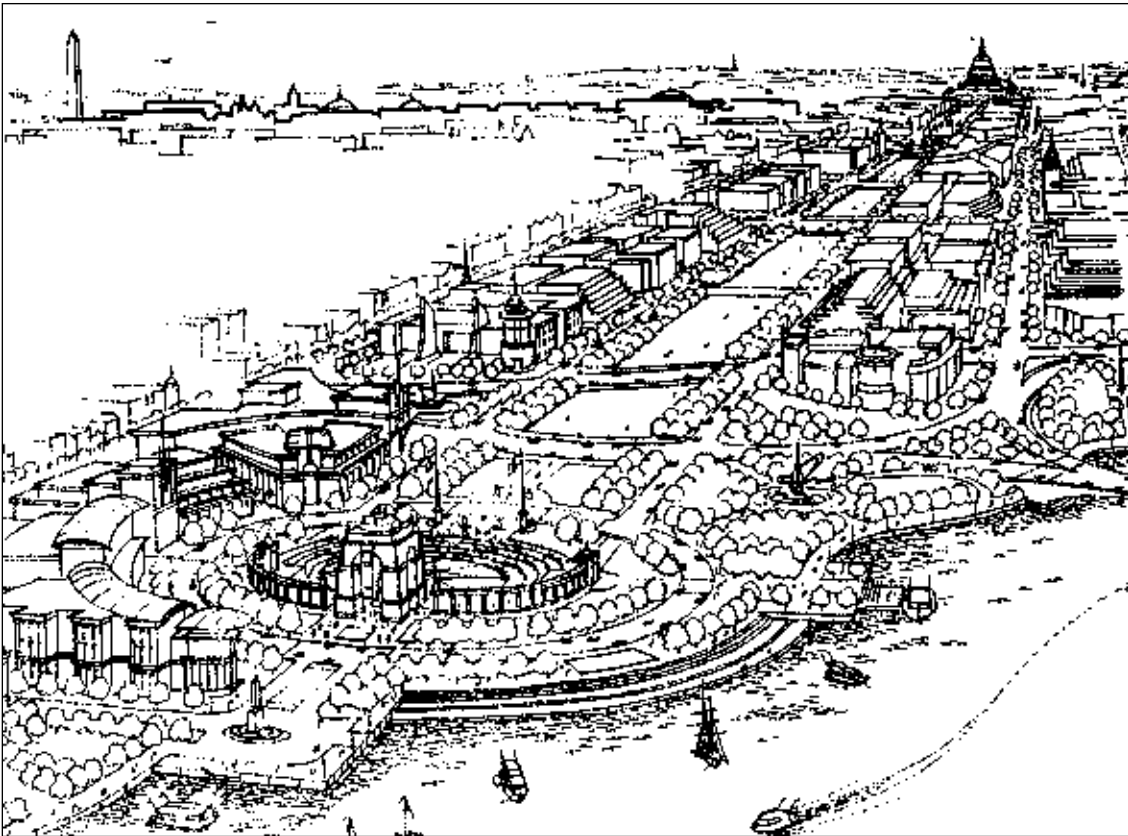
**Site 26** Washington Avenue (Canal St.) at 2<sup>nd</sup> St. S.W.

**Site 27** in East Potomac Park on the Washington Channel facing 7<sup>th</sup> St. S.W.

**Site 39** East Potomac Park on Washington Channel (between the golf course and Hains Point)

**Site 40** East Potomac Park on the Potomac River (between the golf course and Hains Point).

**Site 41** East of 14<sup>th</sup> St. and north of Interstate 395 (within the Portals project in SW) ■



Site No. 8 at South Capitol St. and the Anacostia River has earlier been approved for mixed use development including the “Florida Rock amenity” building. Shown here is a plan for So. Capitol St. to become “a corridor and gateway.”



Site No. 8 as it looks today looking from So. Capitol and S. St. toward the Anacostia River. The So. Capitol St. Bridge is on the left.



Site 89 is south of V St. S.W. and west of Half St. S.W. This photo looks at the marina on the Anacostia River at that site.



Site 19 at the intersection of Maryland Ave. and Virginia Ave. S.W. between 7<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> St. S.W. is next to the regional office of GSA on 7<sup>th</sup> St. S.W.



Site 97 is next to Bowen Elementary School at Delaware Ave. and M St. S.W.



# Jazz/Auction For Amidon Sat. Feb. 10

Raising funds for music in the curriculum at Amidon Elementary School is the purpose of a jazz concert and silent auction at Westminster Presbyterian Church, 400 I (Eye) St. S.W. from 2 to 5 pm Saturday, Feb. 10. Admission is \$5.

If you would like to contribute items of value for the auction, call Angela Long, 202-442-5121 or FAX 484-9057.

Examples of items already submitted to the auction are:

- Lunch with Council Member Ambrose*
- Dinner for three with Mayor's Chief of Staff Omer*
- CVS gift*
- Pizza Hut Gift*
- Dandy Cruise Ship*
- Tamper Palace*
- Kool & The Gang merchandise*
- Art from Dr. Louise Taylor*
- Limousine rental*

Sponsoring of a class is also possible, with checks made out to Amidon PTA, Inc. Gold Sponsor is \$50, Silver Sponsor is \$25, Bronze sponsorship of a class is \$15. Each class is trying to get as many sponsors as possible.

Children are free and will be amazed at the professional quality of The Fred Foss Youth Ensemble – high school students who will play that afternoon. They were featured in a jazz festival in Havana, Cuba, last fall. ■



Site 9 overlooks the Capital Yacht Club marina on the left and the Maine Ave. Fish Wharf on the right.



Site. 9 is now Benjamin Banneker Park at the foot of 10th St. S.W., the promenade running between the L 'Enfant Plaza buildings



Jazz at Howard University on Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday included Shirley Horn, left, shown with Southwest jazz enthusiast Delmar Weathers.



Site 42 is the small park between Channel Inn and Zanzibar on the Waterfront at 7th and Water St. S.W.

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## Revitalization Plan Hearing At S.W. Library



Members of the Board of Directors of the National Capital Revitalization Corporation holding a hearing at the S.W. Branch Library are: (Left to Right) Marie Drissel, *Chairman* Lloyd Smith, Made-line Carol McCullough, El Chino Martin *representing* Eric Price, *Deputy Mayor*; Elinor Bacon, *CEO of the Corporation*. Missing from the meeting were Board Members Lawrence H. Parks, Natwar Ganhdhi, John Roderick Heller and Greg Farmer.

The final public hearing for a D.C. economic revitalization plan was held at the S.W. Branch Library in January. A new publicly chartered corporation expects to be in business by July 1, 2001, using a \$25 million grant from the Federal government and \$75 million in investment capital from Fannie Mae.

Priority Development Areas under the plan include the Southeast Federal Center/Navy Yard Area which extends to the S.W. waterfront, and the Buzzard Point/Anacostia Congress Heights “empowerment com-

munity” on both sides of the Anacostia River.

The plan states: “In the late spring or early summer 2001, NCRC [the National Capital Revitalization Corporation] intends to begin implementing its initial economic activities.” Meetings with members of the community will start in the spring.

Copies of the Revitalization Plan are available at D.C. Branch Libraries or by calling (202) 530-5750. The NCRC office is at 1700 K St. N.W. Suite 400.■

## Two Hour Bus Tour Of D.C. For \$2? Believe It!

The general public (age 10 and over) will get a treat from 9am to 12:30pm Sat. Feb. 24 as guests of D.C.’s professional tour guides.

Tickets for \$2 for two hour motor coach tours will be on sale at 8:30 a.m. that day at the National Building Museum, 5<sup>th</sup> & F St. NW, across the street from the Judiciary Square Sta. on the Metro Red Line. Motor coaches will leave from that point, with professional tour

guide narration.

There will also be shuttle service to The Sewall-Belmont House on Capitol Hill, 144 Constitution Ave. N.E. near Union Station, for walking and house tours.

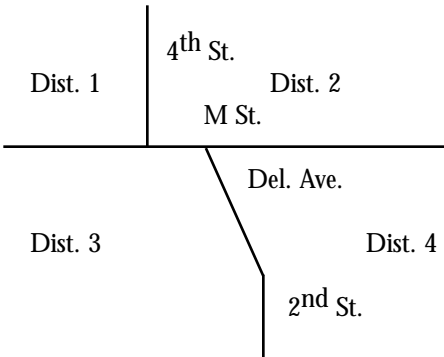
This 12<sup>th</sup> annual International Tourist Guide Day, celebrated in 32 countries, is to promote the appreciation of tourism and to

## SWNA Looking For Candidates For Mar. Election

New Officers and Members of the Board of the Southwest Neighborhood Assembly will be elected in open elections Saturday Mar. 24 at Waterside Mall, 401 M St. S.W. Any resident of Near Southwest (Zip Code 20024) age 18 and up is eligible to vote and to be elected. Write ins are allowed, but to be on the printed ballot a person must be suggested by the nominating committee or nominated from the floor at the Mon. Feb. 26 SWNA meeting.

Call in your suggestions to the nominating committee by contacting Thelma Jones 202-488-3746.

At the March 24 election voters in all parts of Southwest can vote for officers—(President, first vice-president, second vice-president, secretary, treasurer). Eleven other members of the Board are elected by their neighbors in four smaller districts, shown on this map. ■



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I Remember Old Southwest

By Mandy Mae Carter

[The following letter was received in December by e-mail by SWNA History Task Force Chair Margaret Feldman]

“Hello Mr./Mrs. Feldman,  
“My whole name is Mandy Mae Carter. According to my birth certificate I was born in Allens Court S.W. in 1955. At a time when there were still some outhouses, old pot-bellied stoves, the watermelon man, the iceman, the junkman, the milkman, etc. (You name it we had it).

“My grandfather’s name was John Booze. His first wife’s name was Margaret. My grandmother’s name was Mandy. (This was my father’s mother). My father’s name was Leroy Francis Carter (Guitar Lee for short). My aunts and uncles come from a very long line of names: Williams, Washington, Settles, Covington, Marshall, just to name only a few.

“I lived the majority of my life in Southwest from 1200, 1300 and 1400 blocks of Carrollburg Place to O St., N St., First and O (where my Uncle Wilbur Washington lived with his companion Mrs. Neallie who used to be a local [merchant] before her death in the late eighties or early nineties.

“When I was about the ages of 3 or 5 we lived on L St. S.W. across from an old lot I was later to discover (according to my father) was the site of old Ambush Elem.



Demolition in Southwest in 1966. (From Urban Land Institute Report “Southwest Washington, D.C.”)

School.

“I remember the talk of the reconstruction because my grandfather and I were sitting in the living room of his house when an old wrecking ball came crashing through his window. The story goes that they thought the house was empty at the time.

“Most of my life was spent running through the same alleys that the book talks about and I could point out my house and other places when I read it. I will be more than happy to give any input you may feel

would be helpful in your endeavor of putting together Southwest’s history.

“I know there are people I am still in contact with who would be more than glad to help also. I come from a long line of people who lived there—I guess somewhere between three and four generations of their families. I still have family there myself, though most of the older generation has passed on.”

Ms. Carter

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YATF Youth Celebrate

Lunch at Jenny’s Chinese Restaurant on the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday was a chance for celebration for S.W. youth who have taken part in the Youth Activities Task Force classes in chess, swimming, tennis or computers. Some of the youth are shown here trying their luck with chopsticks. (Parents and other adults have been snipped from the pictures). ■





Nine young cello players *performed at the monthly chamber music concert at St. Augustine's Episcopal Church.*



Pictured here are the 2000 90 lb. football champions of Washington D.C.—Southwest's own Metropolitan Police Boys & Girls Club #4, proudly holding their championship trophies

**Club #4 City Champions**

By Baybay Shannon

The Vikings cruised to a 28-0 victory over Beacon House to win the Pop Warner League championship.

Beacon House, last year's champion's, had been beat by the Vikings earlier in the season 6-0 to ruin Beacon's undefeated season. This left them wishing to meet the Vikings again to avenge that loss. Their wish was granted. The two teams met in the championship game.

It didn't take long for the Vikings to establish themselves. On the opening kickoff Nate Waldron, displaying strength and grace, broke several tackles and started to high step as he went to the house.

After doing it with his feet, Nate then trusted his arm. The fly pattern was called and Nate hit Keith Goff with a perfect pass that never allowed him to break his stride.

Before Beacon House could get their chin straps adjusted, they were already getting the pants beat off them. Twin scored twice on running plays. George Washington had two touchdowns called back because of penalties.

At that point the Vikings were so in control of the game they left it in the hands of the defense until the final whistle. ■

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